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ICC approves highway-railroad improvements in Marengo

The Illinois Commerce Commission has approved plans for a rail improvement project involving the installation of new automatic flashing light signals, bells and the addition of gates at the Prospect St. highway-rail grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Company's in the City of Marengo, McHenry County.

The estimated cost for the safety improvements is \$199,523. The Grade Crossing Protection Fund will be used to pay 95 percent of the installation costs, not to exceed \$189,547. The Union Pacific Railroad Company will pay the remaining installation costs, as well as all future operating and maintenance costs. The project must be completed by August 30, 2007.

ABOUT THE GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION FUND (GCPF)

Project selection and management of GCPF highway-rail safety projects include safety improvements such as the installation of new warning systems, highway approach improvements and the construction/reconstruction of grade separation structures. The Commission administers the GCPF, which is funded by motor fuel tax money designated for rail safety improvements.

The General Assembly appropriates \$27 million annually for GCPF projects.

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